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INVESTIGATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND THE POSTAL SERVICE

APRIL 13, 1955.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res 33]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 33) to provide funds for making studies with respect to the administration of the civil-service system by the Civil Service Commission and other agencies of the Government, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution as amended be agreed to by the Senate.

PURPOSE

Senate Resolution 33 as introduced authorized a study and investigation of the administration of the civil-service system by the Civil Service Commission and other agencies of the Government. The resolution as amended extends the scope of the study and investigation to administration by the Post Office Department of the postal service, particularly with respect to postal rates, procedures, employee relations, and research and development with the view to greater operating economy and efficiency.

JUSTIFICATION

The committee has received hundreds of complaints from present and former Federal employees alleging violations of the Veterans' Preference Act and other civil-service laws throughout the Federal service. Most numerous among these complaints are charges of improperly downgrading jobs, disregard of reduction-in-force regulations, and illegal separations and removals, indicating that the Civil Service Commission has abdicated its position as protector of the

merit system and as the enforcement agency of the civil-service laws. Extension of the study to the postal service is justified on the basis of equally strong evidence that the Post Office Department has neglected or ignored many aspects of its management responsibilities.

The resolution would authorize expenditures of $75,000 to make these studies and investigations.

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1955

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Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4903]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4903) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes, report the same to the Senate with various amendments and present herewith information relative to the changes made.

Amount of bill as passed House	$857,187,429
Amount of increase by Senate committee	81,215,406
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	938,402,835
Total estimates considered by the Senate including $31,479,264 in Senate Documents not considered by House	952,002,718
Under budget estimates	13,599,883

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Chapter	Department or activity	Budget estimates	Recommended in House bill	Recommended by Senate committee	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with—	
					Estimates	House bill
I	Agriculture	$700,000	$500,000	$700,000		+$200,000
II	Commerce	192,018,854	133,980,000	181,908,000	−$10,110,854	+47,928,000
III	Defense					
IV	Foreign operations	8,000,000	[1] (4,000,000)	[1] (8,000,000)	−8,000,000	[1] (+4,000,000)
V	Independent offices	408,205,000	396,036,000	408,057,000	−148,000	+12,021,000
VI	Interior	4,005,000	3,730,000	3,730,000	−275,000	
VII	Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare	319,500,000	306,500,000	319,500,000		+13,000,000
VIII	Public works		400,000	400,000	+400,000	
IX	State, Justice, and the Judiciary	6,658,592	4,971,767	6,149,567	−509,025	+1,177,800
X	Treasury and Post Office	148,000		148,000		+148,000
XI	District of Columbia	(1,025,790)	(26,500)	(1,023,390)	(−2,400)	(+996,890)
XII XIIA	Legislative	3,263,053	4,799,820	8,306,049	+5,042,996	+3,506,229
XIII	Claims and judgments	9,504,219	6,269,842	9,504,219		+3,234,377
XIV	General provisions					
	Total	952,002,718	857,187,429	938,402,835	−13,599,883	+81,215,406

[1] To be derived by transfer.

CHAPTER I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

PLANT AND ANIMAL DISEASE AND PEST CONTROL

Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	$700,000
House allowance	500,000
Committee recommendation	700,000

The increase recommended by the committee is to restore the full amount of $700,000 additional as requested in the supplemental estimate. The committee is advised that present weather conditions indicate the urgent need for the full amount of the estimate in order to effectively control grasshoppers in the infested areas. Also, the committee is informed that time will not permit of further arrangements for additional contributions in the program by local groups.

Agricultural Conservation Program Service

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 102)	Unexpended balance.
House allowance	Unexpended balance.
Committee recommendation	Unexpended balance plus reimbursement authorization.

The committee agrees with the House in providing language in the bill to continue the uncommitted balance of $7,147,000 available until December 31, 1955, for the program of sharing with farmers the costs of emergency wind erosion control measures in the drought areas, as well as eliminating the limitation of $1.25 per acre in order to encourage more intensive and permanent measures.

Since the bill passed the House, the committee is currently advised that because of the urgency of the drought situation in the Great Plains States and the attendant soil blowing, it has been necessary for the Department to reactivate the program at once. Financing of the reactivated program has been by a temporary allocation of $5 million from the President's disaster relief fund.

The committee recommends, as requested in a supplemental estimate submitted directly to the Senate, that the following language be added to the bill in order to reimburse the disaster relief fund:

: Provided further, That said funds may be used to reimburse the emergency fund of the President authorized by Public Law 875, 81st Congress (42 U. S. C. 1855) for such funds as have been allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture for payments for the specific purposes authorized herein

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CHAPTER II

Department of Commerce

Office of the Secretary

Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 88), by transfer	($910,000)
House allowance, by transfer	(840,000)
Committee recommendation, by transfer	(840,000)

The committee recommends the amount included in the bill as passed by the House of Representatives. The language in the bill authorizes the transfer of $650,000 to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses, Civil Aeronautics Administration," and $190,000 to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses, Weather Bureau," for the current fiscal year. These amounts added to the funds previously appropriated for these purposes, are sufficient, and the Department should be able to continue its present functions during the remainder of the fiscal year. Furthermore, the committee desires that the Weather Bureau, within the funds made available, provide this year the financing necessary to complete improved landing facilities required to safeguard Government property at Point Barrow, Alaska.

Civil Aeronautics Administration

CLAIMS, FEDERAL AIRPORT ACT

1955 appropriation	$69,449
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 17)	110,854
House allowance (not considered by House)	----------
Committee recommendation	(110,854)

The committee recommends the amount of the estimate, $110,854, be authorized from unexpended balances of prior appropriations for claims under the act. This claim is the final one to be presented under the act, and covers damage done during Navy occupancy to Mercer County Airport, Trenton, N. J. There is at present an unobligated balance of $108,718 from settlements made for less than the original claims, and there are unexpended balances of unsettled claims exceeding $2 million. Testimony disclosed that settlements have been made for an average of 10 percent below the amount of the original claims. Language to utilize the unexpended balances, which would otherwise be carried to the surplus fund of the Treasury, has been included in the bill.

Civil Aeronautics Board

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

1954 appropriation	$80,655,000
1955 appropriation	40,000,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 88)	15,200,000
House allowance	5,000,000
Committee recommendation	15,200,000

The committee recommends the appropriation of an additional $15,200,000. This sum is $10,200,000 more than was allowed by the House and represents the full amount of the estimate. This amount will make available in fiscal year 1955 the estimated funds required to pay the obligations of the Government in settlement of sums due to subsidized aircraft operators carrying airmail. The amount recommended is that portion of the total due to such carriers which is computed as subsidy; the balance being paid by the Post Office Department.

The sum recommended will provide for all payments due to United States subsidized airlines, the principal part of which being due for payment to domestic trunk and local service carriers.

Maritime Activities

OPERATING-DIFFERENTIAL SUBSIDIES

1954 appropriation	$84, 500, 000
1955 appropriation	65, 000, 000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	60, 000, 000
House allowance	35, 000, 000
Committee recommendation	60, 000, 000

The committee recommends the appropriation of $60 million additional for the payment of operating-differential subsidies to the operators of American merchant shipping lines under contract with the United States. This sum is $25 million more than the House allowance.

Testimony presented to the committee by Government witnesses, the report provided by the General Accounting Office, and statements of public witnesses agreed that the amount recommended was due and could be paid this year if it were made available.

It is the opinion of the committee that when there exists an obligation of the Government incurred in accordance with law with members of the public, Congress should not take any action to abridge the payments due by failure to provide the funds fully to satisfy debts as promptly as payments can prudently be made.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1954 appropriation	$15, 500, 000
1955 appropriation	13, 500, 000
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 29)	400, 000
House allowance (not considered by House)	----------
Committee recommendation	400, 000

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of $400,000 for "Salaries and expenses," and an increase by a corresponding amount in the limitation on expenses from that appropriation for reserve-fleet activities. The amount recommended is to replace funds diverted to pay the cost of the reassembly of the vessels of the fleet which were scattered by Hurricane Hazel, on October 15, 1954, and for emergency repair of mooring sites. This sum will enable the Maritime Administration to complete this current fiscal year the financing of the cost of initial installation of cathodic protection for the bottoms of the moored vessels.

REPAIR OF FLEET RESERVE FACILITIES

Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 29)	$970,000
House allowance (not considered by House)	
Committee recommendation	970,000

The committee recommends the appropriation of the amount of the estimate, to remain available until June 30, 1956, so that the Maritime Administration may proceed without delay to install improved mooring facilities designed to prevent recurrence of the damage to reserve fleet facilities and vessels in future hurricanes. It is the intention of the Administration, as stated by witnesses before the committee, to proceed so that the installations planned can be completed before the hurricane season in the fall of 1955.

REPAIR OF RESERVE FLEET VESSELS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

1955 appropriation, by transfer	($150,000)
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88), by transfer	(100,000)
House allowance, by transfer	(75,000)
Committee recommendation, by transfer	(100,000)

The committee recommends that the amount for transfer to "Salaries and expenses" be increased to $250,000, or $25,000 more than the amount allowed by the House. This additional amount will permit the Administrator to employ additional personnel in May and June to perform audits of contractors so that the Government's interest in price renegotiation will be properly served.

Bureau of Public Roads

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

1954 appropriation	$530,000,000
1955 appropriation	500,000,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	100,000,000
House allowance	90,000,000
Committee recommendation	100,000,000

The committee recommends the amount of the estimate, $100 million, an increase of $10 million over the House allowance. Witnesses gave the committee details of the rate at which payments have been made so far this year which indicated that the amount of the estimate would be required to maintain reimbursements to States for road work already performed by June 30, 1955.

These payments will cover the Federal share of the contracts undertaken by the States as authorized under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, as amended.

FOREST HIGHWAYS

1954 appropriation	$15,000,000
1955 appropriation	15,000,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	4,000,000
House allowance	3,000,000
Committee recommendation	4,000,000

As in the case of the Federal-aid highways, the estimate is to provide for the payment of obligations entered into in accordance with law. The committee recommends the full amount of the estimate, an increase of $1 million over the House allowance. Based on expendi-

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tures to date during the current fiscal year, with the acceleration which was recommended for this program in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954, the total amount will be required to meet the reimbursements to States and the sums due on direct Federal contracts for roads in national forests.

PUBLIC LANDS HIGHWAYS

1954 appropriation	$1,750,000
1955 appropriation	0
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	1,000,000
House allowance	750,000
Committee recommendation	1,000,000

The committee recommends $1 million, the full amount of the estimate, which is $250,000 more than the House allowance. As in the case of Federal-aid highways and forest highways, the payments for which these funds are recommended are liquidations of obligations which the Bureau of Public Roads is authorized to incur by the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act, as amended. The recommended amount is estimated as the sum required to meet payments due this year on direct contracts—and in some cases, for reimbursement to States—for construction of roads which were authorized, in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954, up to a total obligation of $2,500,000.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Civil Functions

Canal Zone Government

OPERATING EXPENSES

1954 appropriation	$13,300,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	13,788,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	338,000
House allowance	230,000
Committee recommendation	338,000

The committee recommends $338,000 which is the budget estimate. Additional funds for operating expenses are required, because under Public Law 737, (68 Stat. 1008), approved August 31, 1954, the Canal Zone Government must pay the cost of home-leave travel of its employees. The amount provided will permit the Canal Zone Government to pay the full cost of services performed by the Panama Line. Any system of reduced rates would have the effect of transferring from the Canal Zone Government to the Panama Line a part of the cost of travel of employees of the Canal Zone Government under Public Law 737. The committee believes that such a procedure would violate the intent of Public Law 841 (64 Stat. 1038) which established two separate entities, and envisioned that the books and records of each would truly reflect the costs of their respective operations.

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CHAPTER III

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Military Functions

RETIRED PAY

1954 appropriation	$365,000,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	404,500,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	10,500,000
House allowance	8,000,000
Revised supplemental estimate (estimate No. 33, dated Apr. 11, 1955)	24,500,000
Committee recommendation	22,000,000

In addition to the $8 million granted by the House, the Senate recommends an additional amount, as requested in Bureau of the Budget estimate No. 33, dated April 11, 1955, of $14 million, which it is believed is necessary to provide for additional part-year military pay costs under the Career Incentive Act of 1955 (Public Law 20, approved March 31, 1955). The new pay rates represent an average increase of approximately 10.5 percent for officers and 7 percent for enlisted personnel and are applicable to members on the retired rolls receiving retired pay under the provisions of Public Law 351, as amended. Personnel retired under legislation in effect prior to 1949, were granted an increase of 6 percent in their payments. The entire amount of $22 million is to be derived by transfer of funds.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

Senate document dated April 13, 1955, proposes an additional amount for this appropriation of $175,894,000, to be derived by transfer, because of additional part-year military pay costs under the Career Incentive Act of 1955, increased reenlistment bonus payments under the act of July 16, 1954 (Public Law 506), and increased costs due to unanticipated enlistments and reenlistments which in turn retarded scheduled adjustments in force levels. This amount for the Department of the Army is broken down as follows:

(*a*) Increase in reenlistment bonuses, resulting from an increase in number of reenlistments due to the passage of Public Law 506, 83d Congress, $52,111,000.

(*b*) Increase in expenses due to early release of personnel and redistribution of military personnel to meet commitments with reduced Army strength, $78,678,000.

(*c*) Military pay increases and other benefits as authorized by the Career Incentive Act of 1955, Public Law 20, 84th Congress, $45,105,000.

In consideration of all factors involved, the committee recommends $150 million which should be sufficient for the needs of the Department of the Army at this time.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

Likewise, Senate document of April 13, 1955, proposed an additional amount of $119,733,000, for the Department of the Air Force, to be derived by transfers, for similar reasons as stated above. Specifically, the Air Force need arises from the following factors:

(*a*) Military pay increases authorized by the Career Incentive Act of 1955, Public Law 20, 84th Congress, $59,924,000.

(*b*) Increased costs due to new reenlistment bonus authorized by Public Law 506, 83d Congress, approved on July 16, 1954, $38,405,000.

(*c*) Increased costs resulting from increased reenlistments of indefinite airmen who were motivated to change from an indefinite to a term enlistment due to the incentive of the higher reenlistment bonus, which likewise results in extra costs for mustering-out pay, separation travel pay, and terminal leave pay on such additional reenlistments, $9,324,000.

(*d*) Increased costs due to program developments not foreseen at the time the President's budget for fiscal year 1955 was prepared. The most significant of these additional costs is for airmen basic allowance for quarters. The original estimate on this item was based on an assumption that dependency rates would level off in fiscal year 1955, however, these rates have continued to increase, $12,080,000.

It is the recommendation of the committee that $110 million is sufficient for the needs of the Department of the Air Force.

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CHAPTER IV

MUTUAL SECURITY

Contributions to the United Nations Expanded Program of Technical Assistance

1955 appropriation (regular act)	$9, 957, 621
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	8, 000, 000
House allowance (by transfer)	4, 000, 000
Committee recommendation (by transfer)	8, 000, 000

The committee recommends the full amount of the budget estimate of $8 million for contribution to the United Nations Expanded Program of Technical Assistance for the first 6 months of the calendar year 1955. The $8 million is to be derived by transfer from funds made available in the Mutual Security Appropriation Act, 1955, Public Law 778, for section 121, southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. The appropriation for section 121 for the fiscal year 1955 is in the amount of $700 million. The Administrator of the Foreign Operations Administration is requested to promptly furnish the committee with a complete and detailed statement on the appropriation of $700 million made to implement section 121 as well as any unobligated balances from prior fiscal years which may be available for this section. This statement should include obligations, purposes for which the funds were obligated, expenditures and any transfers which have been made to purposes other than those justified before the committee.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

Export-Import Bank of Washington

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1954 appropriation	$1, 116, 000
1955 appropriation	1, 070, 000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	70, 000
House allowance	40, 000
Committee recommendation	70, 000

The committee recommends the full amount of the budget estimate of $70,000 for administrative expenses of the Export-Import Bank. The House had reduced the estimate by $30,000. These additional funds are necessary to give effect to the changes in the management prescribed in Public Law 570 approved on August 9, 1954, and to permit the expansion of the lending operations of the bank to aid in financing and to facilitate the foreign trade of the United States in keeping with the intent of Public Law 570.

CHAPTER V

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

Federal Civil Defense Administration

SURVEYS, PLANS, AND RESEARCH

New appropriation item, not in regular bill	
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 14)	$12,000,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	$12,000,000

The increase recommended is to provide the full amount of the supplemental estimate submitted directly to the Senate, for expenses necessary for studies and research to develop measures and plans for evacuation, shelter, and the protection of life and property. The committee is advised that the funds will be used to develop evacuation, shelter, and operational plans for cities in critical target and related areas of danger, and to conduct research into the most pressing problems resulting from radiological fallout in order to determine prompt and effective measures to meet such hazards.

The committee is further informed that the data for the estimate on this new program was not available until the recent evaluation was made of the extent and nature of the results of thermonuclear experimentation.

General Services Administration

EXPENSES, GENERAL SUPPLY FUND

1955 appropriation (regular)	$12,066,800
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 33) by transfer from "Defense public works, community facilities"	(258,000)
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	(transfer) (258,000)

As requested in a supplemental estimate submitted directly to the Senate, the committee recommends that the following transfer provision be added to the bill in order to provide for the additional expenses occasioned by the expanded use of the central procurement service for supplies and equipment by the Department of Defense:

For an additional amount for "Expenses, general supply fund", $258,000, to be derived by transfer from "Defense public works, community facilities".

Soo Locks Centennial Celebration Commission

For necessary expenses of the Commission in connection with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks, the committee recommends an appropriation of $21,000. The following additional language has been included in the bill:

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Soo Locks Centennial Celebration Commission

For necessary expenses of the Commission in preparing, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 19, 1949, 63 Stat. 620, a comprehensive plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), at rates not to exceed $50 per diem for individuals, and transportation and not to exceed $20 per diem in lieu of subsistence for members serving without compensation, $21,000 to remain available until June 30, 1956.

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CHAPTER VI—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	$11,483,000
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	11,913,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 88)	350,000
House allowance	350,000
Committee recommendation	350,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $350,000 to reimburse other accounts for the cost of fire suppression in excess of the amount provided therefor and to provide fire suppression funds for the remainder of fiscal year 1955.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE SERVICES

It is the view of the committee that additional funds should be made available to the State of Montana for the education of Indian children under the Johnson-O'Malley Act. It is clear that certain school districts in Montana are in financial difficulties as the result of a misunderstanding or disagreement between officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and officials of the State department of public instruction.

Therefore, the committee directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to renegotiate the contract for the current fiscal year to determine the amount required to relieve the several school districts involved. In no event shall the additional amount exceed $280,600.

The committee has been advised that there are ample funds available in this appropriation to carry out this directive. The use of funds for this purpose is hereby authorized.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

JONES POINT BRIDGE

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	None
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	None
Supplemental estimate	$675,000
House allowance	600,000
Committee recommendation	600,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $600,000 for the preparation of construction drawings, specifications, estimates, and other necessary preconstruction work on the proposed Jones Point Bridge authorized in Public Law 704 of the 83d Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, CONTROL OF FOREST PESTS

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	$5,502,873
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	4,937,500
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 88)	2,570,000
House allowance	2,570,000
Committee recommendation	2,570,000

The committee recommends the allowance of $2,570,000, the budget estimate. These funds are necessary to control a very serious infestation of the spruce budworm in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico.

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, MASS TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	None
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	None
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 88)	$400,000
House allowance	200,000
Committee recommendation	200,000

An appropriation of $400,000 was requested for a comprehensive survey of present and future mass transportation needs in the National Capital region. The committee recommends the appropriation of $200,000, as approved by the House, to begin this survey with the understanding that an additional $200,000 will be needed to complete the proposed survey. The committee understands that pending legislation, even if enacted in substantially its present form, will not affect the scope or conduct of the survey as contemplated.

JOHN MARSHALL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	None
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	None
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 103)	$10,000
House allowance	10,000
Committee recommendation	10,000

The committee recommends the allowance of the budget estimate of $10,000 for the preparation of plans and programs for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Marshall. The act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 702) created the John Marshall Bicentennial Celebration Commission to carry out the provisions of the act.

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CHAPTER VII

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Employment Security

GRANTS TO STATES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

1955 appropriation	$229,500,000
Supplemental estimate	Language
House allowance	Allowed
Committee recommendation	Allowed

Public Law 767, 83d Congress (68 Stat. 1130), added title XV to the Social Security Act, providing for the payment of unemployment compensation for Federal employees. The act contemplated the administration of the program by the States under agreement with the Department of Labor, but also provided for its administration by the Secretary of Labor in any State with which an agreement could not be effected. Funds were provided for the payment of the benefits, and for the administrative costs incurred by the States under the agreements, but no provision was made to permit the use of the funds by the Secretary in the event he was required to administer the program in any State. This estimate will permit use of available funds for the purpose, although at the present time the Department does not anticipate a need for the use of this authority.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

1955 appropriation	$10,000,000
Supplemental estimate	13,000,000
Committee recommendation	13,000,000

The committee recommends $13 million, the full supplemental estimate, for this item, not considered by the House. Benefits under this program became available for unemployment after December 31, 1954, and for which $10 million was appropriated in August 1954. Benefits paid through the week ending April 9, 1955, amounted to approximately $7.3 million, and averaged approximately $850,000 per week during the last 3 weeks for which statistics were available. The allowance here recommended will provide an average of approximately $1.3 million for each of the remaining 12 weeks of the fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Office of Education

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

1955 appropriation	$55,000,000
Supplemental estimate	20,000,000
House allowance	20,000,000
Committee recommendation	20,000,000

The committee approves the House allowance, the full supplemental estimate, in order to provide funds for payments in full to school districts for the operation and maintenance of schools in federally impacted areas in accordance with Public Law 874, as amended.

The "3 percent absorption feature" was suspended for fiscal year 1955 by Public Law 732, approved August 31, 1954, for which an additional $17 million is required. The remaining $3 million results from a deficiency in the 1955 regular appropriation, for which was requested $58 million and for which was allowed only $55 million.

ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

1955 appropriation	$70,000,000
Supplemental estimate	48,500,000
Plus unobligated balances	21,500,000
House allowance	48,500,000
Plus unobligated balances	21,500,000
Committee recommendation	48,500,000
Plus unobligated balances	21,500,000

The committee approves the House allowance, the full supplemental estimate, together with the unobligated balances of funds previously appropriated for grants for school construction.

The Department advised the committee that its estimate of fund requirements for carrying out the purposes of Public Law 815, as amended, indicates there will be a tentative balance of at least $21,500,000 available from prior appropriations that will not be required to carry out the provisions of title II of the act. A later check with the Office of Education reveals that the balance might be as much as $23 million.

The new funds here recommended, with the unobligated balances of prior appropriations newly estimated to be $23 million, together with the funds requested for fiscal 1956, $24 million, make a total of $95,500,000 to be available for processing applications under Public Law 731, approved August 31, 1954, sufficient to grant in full entitlements arising from applications filed by December 1, 1954, and leaving approximately $1,500,000 to meet entitlements under later applications.

Public Health Service

ASSISTANCE TO STATES, GENERAL

1955 appropriation	$13,000,000
Supplemental estimate	Language
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	Allowed

The committee recommends an increase in the personal service limitation from $2,400,000 to $2,418,000, to be paid of presently available funds.

There are 110 commissioned officers of the Public Health Service paid out of this appropriation, whose pay has been increased by the Career Incentive Act of 1955, and in order to pay these officers out of this account it is necessary to increase the personal service limitation effective with respect to the 1955 appropriation.

INDIAN HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Supplemental estimate	$125,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	Allowed

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The committee recommends the full supplemental estimate, not considered by the House, which makes $125,000 available by transfer from funds appropriated under the title "Retired pay of commissioned officers," for the purpose of enabling the Public Health Service to conduct activities essential to an orderly transfer of the function of administering Indian health activities from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, to the Public Health Service, as provided by Public Law 568, 83d Congress.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1955 appropriation	$69,400,000
Supplemental estimate	11,240,000
House allowance	10,000,000
Committee recommendation	11,240,000

The committee recommends $11,240,000, the amount of the supplemental estimate, and an increase of $1,240,000 over the House allowance, thus increasing the funds for administrative expenses in fiscal 1955 from $69,400,000 already available to $80,640,000, to be derived from the trust fund.

The committee feels that the entire $11,240,000 is necessary in view of the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act which substantially increased the Bureau's workload. And if the Bureau is forced to operate under an additional allowance of only $10 million the existing backlog of pending work will continue to increase materially, thereby resulting in extended delays in making initial payments to annuitants, as well as postponing other requisite work.

Bureau of Public Assistance

GRANTS TO STATES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

1955 appropriation	$1,200,000,000
Supplemental estimate	238,000,000
House allowance	238,000,000
Committee recommendation	238,000,000

The committee approves the House allowance, the full supplemental estimate, needed to meet requirements for grants to States for old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, and aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

The extension of the so-called McFarland amendments, due to expire September 30, 1954, for a period of 2 years, to the sundry public assistance titles, has added an additional requirement of $154 million. An underestimate on the part of the Bureau of Public Assistance of the caseloads and average monthly payments has resulted in an additional requirement of $74,700,000, and the remaining $9,300,000 was unexpectedly required to meet some of the 1954 obligations, which transfer may be made under the appropriating language.

The amounts of Federal funds to be paid are determined by applying the formulas provided in the Social Security Act, thus there does not appear to be any basis on which to question the revised cost estimates.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, OFFICE OF FIELD SERVICES

1955 appropriation	$1,800,000
Transfer from OASI	350,000
Supplemental estimate, by transfer	28,000
House allowance	None
Committee recommendation	28,000

The committee recommends the full supplemental estimate, disallowed in its entirety by the House, to provide necessary personnel, fiscal and other services through the regional offices for the additional field staff of 2,200 being employed by the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance throughout the country to carry out the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act. This allowance will permit the addition of 35 employees in the regional offices.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES (TRUST FUND)

1955 appropriation	$6,108,000
Supplemental estimate	256,000
House allowance	256,000
Committee recommendation	256,000

The committee recommends the House allowance, the full supplemental estimate, to be derived by transfer from the Railroad Retirement trust fund.

The enactment of the Social Security Act amendments of 1954, and the amendments to the Railroad Retirement Act repealing the dual benefit provision and lowering the age from 65 to 60 at which certain survivors became eligible for benefits increased the administrative costs of the Board by a total of $419,000, $163,000 of which was absorbed through operating procedures, and the balance of which is here recommended.

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CHAPTER VIII—PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Appropriation, fiscal year 1954	[1] $2,800,000
Appropriation, fiscal year 1955	[2] 2,540,000
Supplemental estimate	None
House allowance	400,000
Committee recommendation	400,000

[1] Includes $1,200,000 for the "Purchase of power and rental of facilities," made available in the "Continuing fund, Southwestern Power Administration."
[2] Includes $775,000 transferred from "Construction, Southwestern Power Administration."

The committee recommends the allowance of $400,000 for the purpose of implementing the "interim contracts" between the Southwestern Power Administration and the generating and transmitting cooperatives in the area.

Funds were provided in the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1955, to implement such contracts through February 1955. The additional $400,000 is needed to carry the contracts through the current fiscal year.

CHAPTER IX

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1955 appropriation	$62,700,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	(800,000)
House allowance	(600,000)
Committee recommendation	(800,000)

The committee recommends restoration of $200,000 which in addition to the House allowance of $600,000 will provide the full budget estimate of $800,000 needed to carry out the home leave program for the balance of the fiscal year. The total sum requested is to be derived by transfer from the appropriation "Government in occupied areas."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1955 appropriation	$28,250,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	(75,000)
House allowance	0
Committee recommendation	(75,000)

The committee recommends that not to exceed $75,000 of the funds under this head in the current fiscal year be made available as additional contributions to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History as authorized by Public Law 736, 83d Congress, approved August 31, 1954. The committee recommends the following language be inserted in the bill:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Appropriations granted under this head for the fiscal year 1955 shall be available for additional contributions to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, as authorized by the Act of August 31, 1954 (Public Law 736), in an amount not to exceed $75,000.

MISSIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1955 appropriation	$1,050,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	(12,500)
House allowance	(12,500)
Committee recommendation	(12,500)

The committee concurs with the House in recommending an additional $12,500 for missions to international organizations to meet overtime payments required by Public Law 763 and the likelihood of an extraordinary session of the United Nations Security Council. The sum is derived by transfer from the appropriation "Contributions to international organizations."

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INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENCIES

1955 appropriation	$1,000,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	(200,000)
House allowance	(75,000)
Committee recommendation	(200,000)

The committee recommends the full budget estimate of $200,000 in order that the Department may have sufficient funds to carry out its internation conference responsibilities for the balance of the current fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Legal Activities and General Administrations

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND MARSHALS

1955 appropriation	$14,950,000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	250,000
House allowance	200,000
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 18)	300,000
Committee recommendation	500,000

The committee has approved the sum of $500,000 which represents the House allowance of $200,000 needed for costs incident to increased litigation cases and premium compensation costs for United States marshals, and $300,000, for salary increase costs as authorized by Public Law 9, approved March 2, 1955 for United States attorneys and their assistants in continental United States.

THE JUDICIARY

Court of Customs and Patent Appeals

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1955 appropriation	$210,160
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 19)	13,300
Committee recommendations	13,300

The committee has approved the supplemental estimate of $13,300 necessary to pay the increased salary costs of the judges of the court for the last 4 months of the fiscal year 1955, as authorized by Public Law 9, approved March 2, 1955.

Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services

1955 appropriation	$5,472,500
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. No. 88)	101,000
House allowance	50,000
Additional supplemental estimate (S. Doc. 19)	864,500
Committee recommendations	914,500

The committee approved the sum of $914,500 which represents the House allowance of $50,000 for the payment of salaries of the new judges appointed to date, the contributions for Federal employee's group life insurance and for annuities of widows of Supreme Court Justices as authorized by Public Law 702, approved August 28, 1954, and $864,500, to meet the cost of the higher salaries authorized for judges effective as of March 1, 1955, under Public Law 9, approved March 2, 1955.

CHAPTER X

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Accounts

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1955 Appropriation (regular act)	$2,548,700
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. 27)	85,000
Committee recommendation	85,000

The committee recommends the supplemental budget estimate of $85,000 for this item which was not considered by the House. This amount is required to reimburse Federal Reserve banks for handling an excess beyond budgeted anticipation of depositary receipts for deposits of income, social security, railroad retirement, and excise taxes. This excess is caused by compliance with Public Law 591, 83d Congress, which provided penalties for failure to deposit withholding taxes, and for handling which Federal Reserve banks are reimbursed.

Coast Guard

OPERATING EXPENSES

1954 appropriation	$188,250,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	155,889,300
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 34)	[1] 1,100,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	[1] 1,100,000

[1] By transfer.

The committee recommends the supplemental budget estimate of $1,100,000 to be derived by transfer from "Acquisition, construction, and improvements." This item was not considered by the House. The purpose of this request is to cover the cost of military pay increases from April 1 through June 30, 1955, as authorized by the Career Incentive Act of 1955, Public Law 20 approved March 31, 1955. Such transfer will permit the Coast Guard to absorb the cost of the pay increases without requesting additional funds during 1955.

RETIRED PAY

1954 appropriation	$18,600,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	19,775,000
1955 appropriation (first supplemental)	[1] 80,000
1955 appropriation (regular and first supplemental)	[1] 19,775,000+80,000
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 34)	[1] 584,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	[1] 584,000

[1] By transfer.

The committee recommends the supplemental budget estimate of $584,000 to be derived by transfer from "Acquisition, construction, and improvements." This item was not considered by the House.

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The purpose of this request is to cover the cost of retired pay increases from April 1 through June 30, 1955, as authorized by Public Law 20, approved March 31, 1955. Such transfer will permit the Coast Guard to absorb the cost of the pay increases without requesting additional funds during 1955.

RESERVE TRAINING

1954 appropriation	$2,500,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	2,500,000
Supplemental estimate (— Doc. No. ——)	[1] 46,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	[1] 46,000

[1] By transfer.

The committee recommends the supplemental budget estimate of $46,000 to be derived by transfer from "Acquisition, construction, and improvements." This item was not considered by the House. The purpose of this request is to cover the cost of military pay increases from April 1 through June 30, 1955, as authorized by the Career Incentive Act of 1955, Public Law 20, approved March 31, 1955. Such transfer will permit the Coast Guard to absorb the cost of the pay increases without requesting additional funds during 1955.

TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1954 appropriation	$995,000
1955 appropriation (regular act)	1,000,000
Supplemental estimate (S. Doc. No. 21)	63,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	63,000

The committee recommends the supplemental budget estimate of $63,000. This item was not considered by the House. Of the total recommended, $42,500 is to carry out the provisions of Public Law 9, 84th Congress, which requires a 50 percent increase in salaries for judges of the Tax Court for the remaining 4 months of the fiscal year. The remaining $20,500 is required because previously estimated lapse figures used in estimating the 1955 expenses were overstated because of continued full employment in the supporting staff of the court.

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CHAPTER XI

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The committee has approved the supplemental estimate of $996,889 which was submitted in Senate Document No. 28, on March 29, 1955, and the language limitation increase from $10,000 to $12,500 contained in the 1955 Act for the Office of Corporation Counsel for settlement of claims not in excess of $250 each. Distribution of the sum allowed and payable out of the general fund of the District of Columbia is as follows:

1. *Metropolitan Police (additional municipal services, American Legion Convention).*—The language provision to enable payment to firemen for extra services performed during the American Legion Convention, August 25 to September 7, 1954, of approximately $5,965 follows:

OPERATING EXPENSES

METROPOLITAN POLICE

The appropriation for "Metropolitan Police (additional municipal services, American Legion Convention)", contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1955, shall be available for payment at basic salary rates for services performed from August 25 to September 7, 1954, both inclusive, by members of the uniformed force of the Fire Department in excess of their regular tour of duty (but not to exceed a total of twelve hours overtime pay to any individual member performing service within such period).

2. *Department of Public Health, $650,300.*—This sum is needed to meet the increased costs for care of indigent insane residents at St. Elizabeths Hospital for the balance of the current fiscal year. The per diem rate was increased last July 1 from $4.90 to $5.24.

3. *Department of Public Welfare, $152,900.*—The additional sum is required to continue public assistance payments for the balance of the fiscal year at 78 percent of the need based on February 1953 prices. The average caseload increased from 8,049 in July 1954 to 8,401 in November, and the average grant was $31.72 in July 1954 as compared to $31.54 since November 1954.

4. *Settlement of claims and suits, $28,008.*—This sum is required to pay claims in excess of $250 each.

5. *Judgments, $10,587.*—This sum is needed to pay final judgments rendered against the District of Columbia.

6. *Audited claims, $155,095.*—This amount is required to effect payment of certified claims for services in fiscal year 1952 and prior years, and for which appropriation balances have become exhausted or returned to the general fund of the District of Columbia.

7. *Office of Corporation Counsel (language limitation).*—The increase recommended in the language limitation follows:

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

The limitation of $10,000 for the settlement of claims not in excess of $250 each in accordance with the Act of February 11, 1929, as amended, contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1955, is increased to $12,500.

CHAPTER XII

SENATE

Compensation of Senators and the Vice President of the United States

It is recommended by the committee that following amendments be added to the bill. These amendments are necessary to provide funds for the payment of the increases in compensation authorized by Public Law 9, 84th Congress.

Compensation of Senators

For an additional amount for "Compensation of Senators," as authorized by Public Law 9, Eighty-fourth Congress, $320,001.

Compensation of the Vice President of the United States

For an additional amount for "Compensation of the Vice President of the United States," as authorized by Public Law 9, Eighty-fourth Congress, $1,667.

Office of the Secretary

The committee recommends the following amendment to provide additional personnel for the Joint Recording Facility:

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Office of the Secretary: For an additional amount for the office of the Secretary, $3,905, to be available, effective April 1, 1955, for the compensation of one Director of Photography, joint recording facility at the basic annual rate of $5,100 and one Laboratory Technician, joint recording facility at the basic annual rate of $4,020.

Office of the Clerk of the House

The personnel of the Joint Recording Facility are paid for part by the Senate and part by the House. The following amendment is recommended by the committee to provide certain personnel to be paid for by the House.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Office of the Clerk: For the employment effective April 1, 1955, of an administrative assistant to the Coordinator of the Joint Recording Facility, at the basic salary rate of $4,800 per annum; a film librarian at the basic salary rate of $2,500 per annum; and a secretary at the basic salary rate of $2,220 per annum in lieu of $1,500 basic per annum, $3,400.

Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper

The following amendment is added to the bill to provide for the adjustment of the compensation of the chief cabinetmaker:

Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper: For an additional amount for the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, $140: Provided, That effective April 1, 1955, the basic rate of compensation of the chief cabinetmaker shall be $3,540 in lieu of $3,200.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC REPORT

The following amendment will provide an economist and secretary for the Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report:

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: For an additional amount for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, $3,800.

FURNITURE

The committee has added to the bill an amendment providing $5,000 for the purchase of furniture.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The committee recommends an amendment providing $51,950 for miscellaneous items.

PACKING BOXES

The committee recommends an appropriation of $500 for packing boxes. As of March 1, 1955, only $89.10 remained in the fund for packing boxes.

POSTAGE STAMPS

An additional amount of $115 is provided for the Office of the Secretary for postage stamps.

GENERAL PROVISION

The committee recommends that the following paragraph be added to the bill:

Notwithstanding any provision of law, service heretofore or hereafter performed as an employee of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee or the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee shall be considered for the purpose of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to be service as an employee in the legislative branch of the Government within the classes of officers and employees made eligible for the benefits of such Act by the Act of July 13, 1937.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of $56,691 to reimburse the Government of the District of Columbia for the cost of salaries paid to personnel on special detail from the Metropolitan Police force to the Capitol Building.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

It is recommended by the committee that the following amendment be added to the bill:

Capitol Buildings: For an additional amount for "Capitol Buildings", $16,000, of which $12,500 shall be available for such expenditures, including personal and other services, as may be necessary to enable the Architect of the Capitol to make a survey and study of the illumination of the Capitol Building and to submit recommendations and estimates of cost for improved illumination, including related architectural treatment.

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This appropriation is made up of two items—the first, $3,500 for replacement of chilled water coils for the air-conditioning system serving the Senate side of the central section of the Capitol; and the second, $12,500 for a survey and study of the illumination of the Capitol Building and recommendations and estimates of cost for improved lighting, including related architectural treatment.

Senate Office Building

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of $43,000 for the Senate Office Building. This amount includes funds for the payment of increased overtime pay costs, emergency elevator repairs, for converting substation space for offices and robotyper use, installation of partitions in office rooms and rugs for Senators' offices.

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CHAPTER XII A

ADDITIONAL HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

At the request of Hon. Sam Rayburn, chairman of the House Office Building Commission, the committee has inserted the following language relating to the additional House Office Building in lieu of the language contained in the bill as it passed the House:

CHAPTER XII A

Additional House Office Building

Sec. 1201. There is hereby authorized to be constructed on a site approved by the House Office Building Commission, in accordance with plans to be prepared by or under direction of the Architect of the Capitol and to be submitted to, and approved by, such Commission, an additional fireproof office building for the use of the House of Representatives, including such necessary equipment, such necessary connections with the Capitol Power Plant and other utilities, such necessary access facilities over or under public streets, such other appurtenant or necessary facilities, such changes in the present House Office Buildings and mechanical and other changes necessitated thereby, and such changes in or additions to the present subway systems, as may be approved by such Commission.

Sec. 1202. (a) The Architect of the Capitol is authorized to acquire on behalf of the United States by purchase, condemnation, transfer, or otherwise, such publicly or privately owned real property in the District of Columbia (including streets, avenues, roads, highways, alleys, or parts thereof) located south of Independence Avenue in the vicinity of the United States Capitol Grounds as may be approved by the House Office Building Commission for the purposes of section 1201 of this chapter or for additions to the United States Capitol Grounds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any street, avenue, road, highway, alley, or part thereof, acquired pursuant to this subsection shall be closed and vacated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in accordance with any request therefor made by the Architect of the Capitol with the approval of the House Office Building Commission. Square numbered 636 in the District of Columbia (which is now part of the new House of Representatives Office Building site) shall be available for the purposes of this chapter. Any real property owned by the United States and located South of Independence Avenue in the vicinity of the Capitol Grounds shall upon request of the Architect of the Capitol, made with the approval of the House Office Building Commission, be transferred to the jurisdiction and control of the Architect of the Capitol without reimbursement or transfer of funds. At such time or times as may be fixed by order of the House Office Building Commission, (1) any real property acquired under, or made available for the purposes of, this chapter shall become part of the United States Capitol Grounds and subject to the Act entitled "An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1946 (40 U. S. C., secs. 193a–193m, 212a, and 212b), and (2) the building and all facilities constructed pursuant to section 1201 of this chapter shall become subject to such Act approved July 31, 1946, and to the provisions of law relating to the control, supervision, and care of the House Office Building contained in the Act approved May 4, 1907, as amended (40 U. S. C., sec. 175).

(b) Any proceeding for condemnation brought under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the acquisition of and in the District of Columbia for the use of the United States", approved March 1, 1929 (16 D. C. Code, secs. 619–644).

(c) When any real property has been acquired under, or made available for the purposes of, this chapter the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to provide for the demolition and removal as expeditiously as possible of any buildings or other structures on, or constituting a part of, such property and, pending demolition, to lease

any or all of such property for such periods and under such terms and conditions as he may deem most advantageous to the United States and to provide for the maintenance and protection of such property.

SEC. 1203. For carrying out the purposes of this chapter there is hereby appropriated $5,000,000, to remain available until expended, and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be determined by the House Office Building Commission to be required for the purposes of this chapter: Provided, That the Architect of the Capitol under the direction of such Commission is authorized to enter into contracts and to make such other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to obligate the additional sums herein authorized prior to the actual appropriation thereof.

SEC. 1204. This chapter may be cited as the "Additional House Office Building Act of 1955".

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CHAPTER XIII

JUDGMENTS AND AUTHORIZED CLAIMS

Claims for Damages, Audited Claims, and Judgments

The committee recommends $9,504,219 for payment of claims for damages, audited claims and judgments, which includes $6,269,842 as set forth in House Document 104 and contained in the bill as passed by the House, and $3,234,377 as set forth in Senate Document No. 25.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL

Document No.	Department or agency	Budget estimate	Amount as passed the House	Amount recommended by Senate committee	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with—	
					Estimate, 1955	House bill
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	CHAPTER I					
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
H. 88	Agricultural Research Service	$700,000	$500,000	$700,000		+$200,000
H. 102 S. —	Agricultural conservation program	(1)	(1)	(1)		
	Total, chapter I	700,000	500,000	700,000		+200,000
	CHAPTER II					
	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE					
H. 88	Office of the Secretary	(2)	(2)	(2)		
	CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION					
S. 17	Claims, Federal Airport Act	110,854		(1 2)	−110,854	
	CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD					
H. 88	Payments to air carriers	15,200,000	5,000,000	15,200,000		+10,200,000
	MARITIME ACTIVITIES					
H. 88	Operating-differential subsidies	60,000,000	35,000,000	60,000,000		+25,000,000

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Document No. (1)	Department or agency (2)	Budget estimate (3)	Amount as passed the House (4)	Amount recommended by Senate committee (5)	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with— Estimate, 1955 (6)	House bill (7)
	CHAPTER II—Continued					
	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—Continued					
	MARITIME ACTIVITIES—continued					
S. 29	Salaries and expenses	[4] $400,000		[4] $400,000		+$400,000
S. 29	Repair of reserve fleet facilities	970,000		970,000		+970,000
H. 88	Repair of reserve fleet vessels (liquidation of contract authorization)	[5]	[5]	[5]		
	BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS					
H. 88	Federal-aid highways (liquidation of contract authorization)	100,000,000	$90,000,000	100,000,000		+10,000,000
H. 88	Forest highways (liquidation of contract authorization)	4,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000		+1,000,000
H. 88	Public lands highways (liquidation of contract authorization)	1,000,000	750,000	1,000,000		+250,000
	Total, Department of Commerce	181,680,854	133,750,000	181,570,000	−$110,854	+47,820,000
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					

	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
	SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses	(7)	(7)	(7)		
H. 88	Revolving fund	10,000,000			−10,000,000	
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, CIVIL FUNCTIONS					
	DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT					
H. 88	Operating expenses	338,000	230,000	338,000		+108,000
	Total, chapter II	192,018,854	133,980,000	181,908,000	−10,110,854	+47,928,000
	CHAPTER III					
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
	INTERSERVICE ACTIVITIES					
H. 88	Claims	(4,320,000)	(4,320,000)	(4,320,000)		
H. 88	Retired pay	(10,500,000)	(8,000,000)	(8,000,000)	(−2,500,000)	
S. —	Retired pay	(14,000,000)		(14,000,000)		(+14,000,000)
S. —	Military personnel, Army	(175,894,000)		(150,000,000)	(−25,894,000)	(+150,000,000)
S. —	Military personnel, Air Force	(119,733,000)		(110,000,000)	(−9,733,000)	(+110,000,000)
	Total, chapter III	[8] (324,447,000)	[5] (12,320,000)	[8] (286,320,000)	(−38,127,000)	(+274,000,000)

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Document No. (1)	Department or agency (2)	Budget estimate (3)	Amount as passed the House (4)	Amount recommended by Senate committee (5)	Increase (+) or decrease (−), Senate bill compared with— Estimate, 1955 (6)	House bill (7)
	CHAPTER IV					
	FOREIGN OPERATIONS					
	MUTUAL SECURITY					
H. 88	Contributions to the United Nations expanded program of technical assistance	$8,000,000	[9] ($4,000,000)	[9] ($8,000,000)	−$8,000,000	(+$4,000,000)
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
	EXPORT-IMPORT BANK					
H. 88	Administrative expenses	(70,000)	(40,000)	(70,000)		(+30,000)
	Total, chapter IV	8,000,000	[9] (4,000,000)	(8,000,000)	−8,000,000	(+4,000,000)
	CHAPTER V					
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
S. 14	Federal Civil Defense Administration: Surveys, plans, and research	12,000,000		12,000,000		+12,000,000
H. 106	Federal Communications Commission: Salaries and expenses	85,000	85,000	85,000		
H. 88	Federal Power Commission: Salaries and expenses	[10] 100,000	[10] 100,000	[10] 100,000		

S. —	General Services Administration: Expenses, general supply fund	[11] (258, 000)		[11] (258, 000)		(+258, 000)
H. 88	National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics: Salaries and expenses	300, 000	240, 000	240, 000	−60, 000	
	Soo Locks Centennial Celebration Commission			21, 000	+21, 000	+21, 000
	VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION					
H. 88	Compensation and pensions	240, 000, 000	240, 000, 000	240, 000, 000		
H. 88	Readjustment benefits	155, 000, 000	155, 000, 000	155, 000, 000		
H. 88	Grants to Republic of Philippines	720, 000	611, 000	611, 000	−109, 000	
	Total, Veterans' Administration	395, 720, 000	395, 611, 000	395, 611, 000	−109, 000	
	Total, chapter V	408, 205, 000	396, 036, 000	408, 057, 000	−148, 000	+12, 021, 000
	CHAPTER VI					
	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR					
	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT					
H. 88	Management of lands and resources	350, 000	350, 000	350, 000		
	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE					
H. 88	Jones Point Bridge	675, 000	600, 000	600, 000	−75, 000	

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					Estimate, 1955	House bill
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	CHAPTER VI—Continued					
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
	FOREST SERVICE					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses	$2,570,000	$2,570,000	$2,570,000		
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
	NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses, Washington regional mass transportation survey	400,000	200,000	200,000	−$200,000	
H. 103	John Marshall Bicentennial Commission	10,000	10,000	10,000		
	Total, chapter VI	4,005,000	3,730,000	3,730,000	−275,000	
	CHAPTER VII					
	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR					
	BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY					
H. 88	Grants to States for unemployment compensation and employment service administration	(12)	(12)	(12)		

S. 20	Unemployment compensation for Federal					

S. 20	Unemployment compensation for Federal employees	13,000,000	----------	13,000,000	----------	+13,000,000
	Total, Department of Labor	13,000,000	----------	13,000,000	----------	+13,000,000
	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE					
	OFFICE OF EDUCATION					
H. 88	Payments to school districts	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	----------	----------
H. 88	Assistance for school construction	[13] 48,500,000	[13] 48,500,000	[13] 48,500,000	----------	----------
	PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE					
S. —	Assistance to States, general	([14])	----------	([14])	----------	----------
S. 16	Indian health activities	[15] (125,000)	----------	[15] (125,000)	----------	(+125,000)
	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION					
	BUREAU OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
H. 88	Grants to States for public assistance	238,000,000	238,000,000	238,000,000	----------	----------
	BUREAU OF OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS' INSURANCE					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses	(11,240,000)	(10,000,000)	(11,240,000)	----------	(+1,240,000)
	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses, Office of Field Services	(28,000)	(----------)	(28,000)	----------	(+28,000)
	Total, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	306,500,000	306,500,000	306,500,000	----------	(+1,393,000)

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	CHAPTER VII—Continued					
	RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses	($256,000)	($256,000)	($256,000)		
	Total, chapter VII	319,500,000	306,500,000	319,500,000		+$13,000,000
	CHAPTER VIII					
	PUBLIC WORKS					
	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR					
	Southwestern Power Administration:					
	Operation and maintenance		400,000	400,000	+$400,000	
	Total, chapter VIII		400,000	400,000	+400,000	
	CHAPTER IX					
	DEPARTMENT OF STATE					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses	(800,000)	(600,000)	(800,000)		(+200,000)
H. 88	Contributions to international organizations	[16]		[16]		
H. 88	Missions to international organizations	(12,500)	(12,500)	(12,500)		

H. 88	Missions to international organizations	(12, 500)	(12, 500)	(12, 500)	----------	----------
H. 88	International contingencies	(200, 000)	(75, 000)	(200, 000)	----------	(+125, 000)
	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE					
	LEGAL ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION					
S. 18	Salaries and expenses, United States attorneys and marshals	300, 000	----------	300, 000	----------	+300, 000
H. 88	Salaries and expenses, United States attorneys and marshals	250, 000	200, 000	200, 000	−50, 000	----------
	Salaries and expenses, claims of persons of Japanese ancestry:					
H. 88	1954	198, 267	198, 267	198, 267	----------	----------
H. 88	1955	870, 000	870, 000	870, 000	----------	----------
H. 88	Federal Bureau of Investigation: Salaries and expenses	1, 100, 000	1, 100, 000	1, 100, 000	----------	----------
H. 88	Immigration and Naturalization Service: Salaries and expenses	1, 500, 000	1, 250, 000	1, 250, 000	−250, 000	----------
	FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM					
H. 88	Salaries and expenses, Bureau of Prisons	207, 000	180, 000	180, 000	−27, 000	----------
H. 88	Support of United States prisoners	600, 000	600, 000	600, 000	----------	----------
	Total, Department of Justice	5, 025, 267	4, 398, 267	4, 698, 267	−327, 000	+300, 000

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	CHAPTER IX—Continued					
	THE JUDICIARY					
	SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES					
H. 88	Care of the building and grounds	$12,500	$12,500	$12,500		
	COURT OF CUSTOMS AND PATENT APPEALS					
S. 19	Salaries and expenses	13,300		13,300		+$13,300
	COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES					
S. 19	Salaries of judges	864,500		864,500		+864,500
H. 88	Salaries of judges	101,000	50,000	50,000	−$51,000	
H. 88	Salaries of supporting personnel	145,300	86,000	86,000	−59,300	
H. 88	Fees of jurors and commissioners	380,000	380,000	380,000		
H. 88	Travel and miscellaneous expenses	116,725	45,000	45,000	−71,725	
H. 88	Salaries of referees	(25,500)	(20,800)	(20,800)	(−4,700)	
H. 88	Expenses of referees	(34,575)	(34,575)	(34,575)		

H. 88	Expenses of referees	(34, 575)	(34, 575)	(34, 575)		
	Total, the Judiciary	1, 633, 325	573, 500	1, 451, 300	−182, 025	+877, 800
	Total, chapter IX	6, 658, 592	4, 971, 767	6, 149, 567	−509, 025	+1, 177, 800
	CHAPTER X					
	TREASURY DEPARTMENT					
	BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS					
S. 27	Salaries and expenses	85, 000		85, 000		+85, 000
	COAST GUARD					
S. —	Operating expenses	[17](1, 100, 000)		[17](1, 100, 000)		(+1, 100, 000)
S. —	Retired pay	[17](584, 000)		[17](584, 000)		(+584, 000)
S. —	Reserve training	[17](46, 000)		[17](46, 000)		(+46, 000)
	Total, Treasury Department	85, 000		85, 000		+85, 000
	POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT					
H. 88	Foreign mail transportation, 1947	[18](25, 000)	[18](25, 000)	[18](25, 000)		
	Total, Post Office Department	[18](25, 000)	[18](25, 000)	[18](25, 000)		
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
	TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES					
S. 21	Salaries and expenses	63, 000		63, 000		+63, 000
	Total, Independent Offices	63, 000		63, 000		+63, 000
	Total, chapter X	148, 000		148, 000		+148, 000

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	CHAPTER XI					
	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					
	OPERATING EXPENSES					
S. 28	Metropolitan Police (additional municipal services, American Legion Convention)	[19]		[19]		
S. 28	Department of Public Health	($650, 300)		($650, 300)		(+$650, 300)
S. 28	Public welfare	(152, 900)		(152, 900)		(+152, 900)
S. 28	Settlement of claims	(28, 008)		(28, 008)		(+28, 008)
S. 28	Judgments	(10, 587)		(10, 587)		(+10, 587)
S. 28	Audited claims	(155, 095)		(155, 095)		(+155, 095)
	Total, operating expense	(996, 890)		(996, 890)		(+996, 890)
	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
H. 88	Capital outlay, miscellaneous	(28, 900)	($26, 500)	(26, 500)	(−$2, 400)	
	Total, chapter XI	(1, 025, 790)	(26, 500)	(1, 023, 390)	(−2, 400)	(+996, 890)

CHAPTER XII and XII A

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SENATE

		Salaries and expense allowance of Senators, mileage of the President of the Senate and of Senators, and salary and expense allowance of the Vice President					
S.	22	Compensation of Senators	320, 001		320, 001		+320, 001
S.	22	Compensation of the Vice President of the United States	1, 667		1, 667		+1, 667
		Office of the Secretary: Joint recording facilities			3, 905	+3, 905	+3, 905
		Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper: For adjustment of salaries			140	+140	+140
		Joint Committee on the Economic Report, salaries and expenses			3, 800	+3, 800	+3, 800
		Contingent expenses of the Senate:					
S.	22	Furniture	5, 000		5, 000		+5, 000
S.	22	Miscellaneous items	51, 950		51, 950		+51, 950
S.	22	Packing boxes	500		500		+500
S.	22	Postage stamps	115		115		+115
		Total, Senate	379, 233		387, 078	+7, 845	+387, 078

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	CHAPTER XII and XII A—Continued					
	LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—Continued					
	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
H. 105	Salaries of Members	$1,468,000	$1,468,000	$1,468,000		
	Office of the Clerk: Joint recording facilities			3,460	+$3,460	+$3,460
H. 105	Coordinator of Information	2,000	2,000	2,000		
H. 105	Majority leader	5,400	5,400	5,400		
H. 105	Folding documents	10,000	10,000	10,000		
	Total, House of Representatives	1,485,400	1,485,400	1,488,860	+3,460	+3,460
	CAPITOL POLICE					
H. 105	Capitol Police Board	3,420	3,420	3,420		
	Capitol Police Board			56,691	+56,691	+56,691
	Total, Capitol Police Board	3,420	3,420	60,111	+56,691	+56,691

	ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
S. 22	Capitol Buildings	16,000		16,000		+16,000
H. 88	Capitol Grounds	611,000	611,000	611,000		
S. 22	Senate Office Building	43,000		43,000		+43,000
H. 88	House Office Buildings	25,000			−25,000	
	Additional House Office Building		[20] 2,000,000	[20] 5,000,000	+5,000,000	+3,000,000
	Additional Senate Office Building					
	Total, Architect of the Capitol	695,000	2,611,000	5,670,000	+4,975,000	+3,059,000
	GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE					
H. 88	Printing and binding	700,000	700,000	700,000		
	Total, chapter XII and XIIA	3,263,053	4,799,820	8,306,049	+5,042,996	+3,506,229
	CHAPTER XIII					
	JUDGMENTS AND AUTHORIZED CLAIMS					
S. 25	Judgments and authorized claims	3,234,377		3,234,377		+3,234,377
H. 104	Judgments and authorized claims	6,269,842	6,269,842	6,269,842		
	Total, chapter XIII	9,504,219	6,269,842	9,504,219		+3,234,377
	Grand total	952,002,718	857,187,429	938,402,835	−13,599,883	+81,215,406

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[1] Continues available uncommitted balances through Dec. 31, 1955.
[2] Authority to transfer not to exceed $910,000.
[3] Authority to transfer not to exceed $840,000.
[4] Also language increasing the limitation from $6,460,000 to $6,860,000.
[5] Requested increase of $100,000 in limitation.
[6] Increase of $75,000 in limitation.
[7] Authority to transfer an additional $224,000.
[8] To be derived by transfer from available appropriations.
[9] To be derived by transfer from "Mutual Defense Assistance, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific, 1955."
[10] And increase in limitation on travel from $220,000 to $230,000.
[11] To be derived by transfer from "Defense Public Works, community facilities."
[12] Language change.
[13] Also language making available an estimated amount of $21,500,000 from previous appropriations.
[14] Increases limitation for personal services from $2,400,000 to $2,418,000.
[15] To be derived by transfer from "Retired pay of commissioned officers," fiscal year 1955.
[16] Authority requested to make available not to exceed $75,000 additional for contributions to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.
[17] To be derived by transfer from "Acquisition, construction and improvements."
[18] To be derived by transfer from "Railway mail service 1947."
[19] Language making this appropriation available for the payment of members of the uniformed force of the Fire Department.
[20] A floor amendment eliminated the planning funds for an additional House office building and substituted $2,000,000 for construction.

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